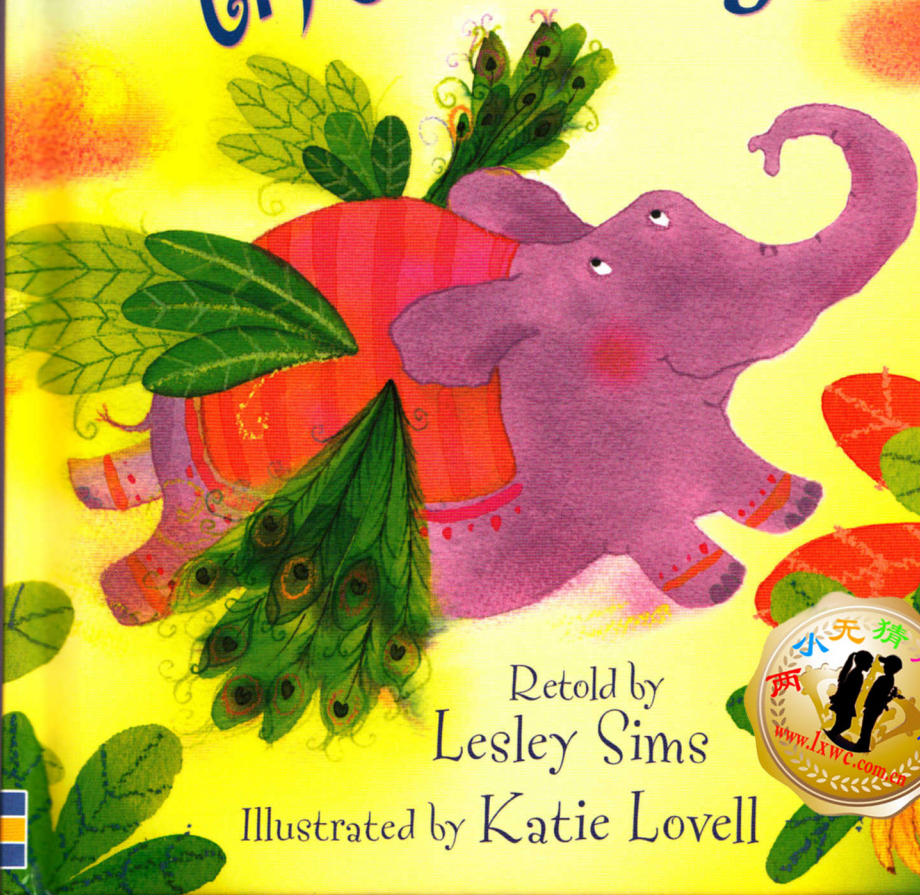


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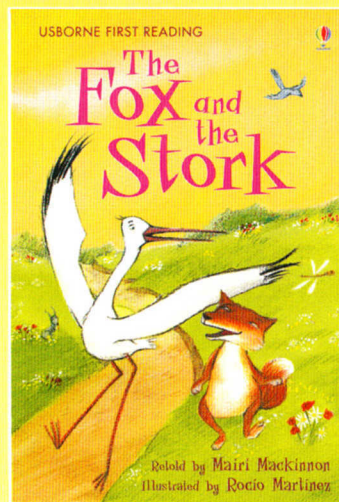
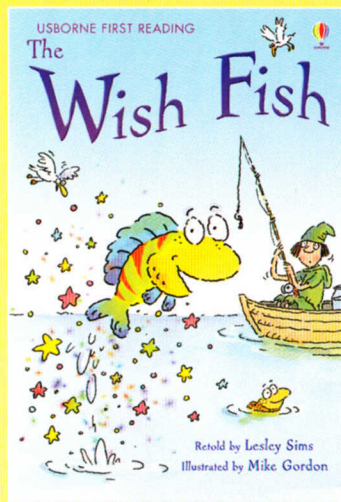
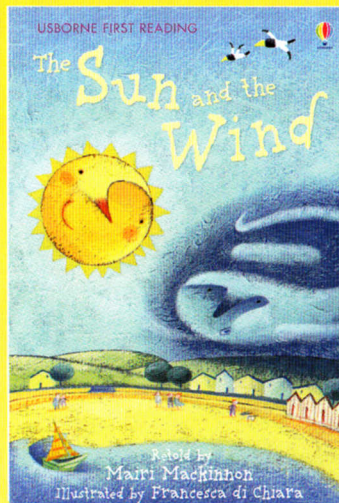
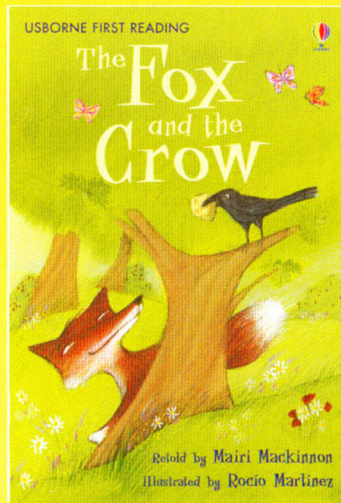


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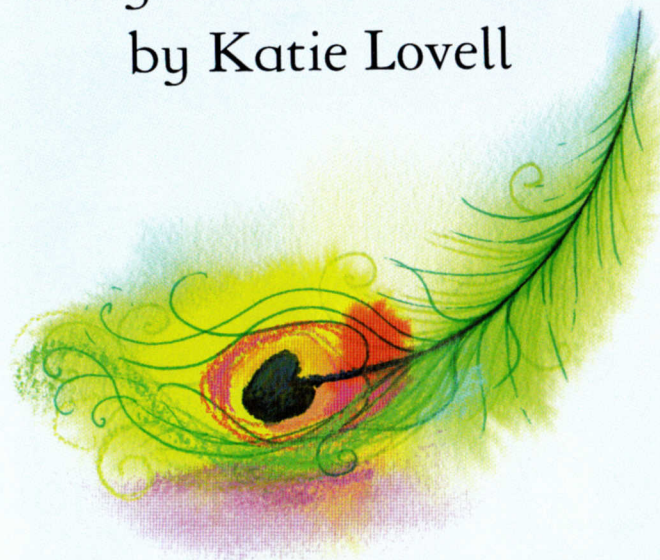
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This story is about
flying elephants,



two gods,



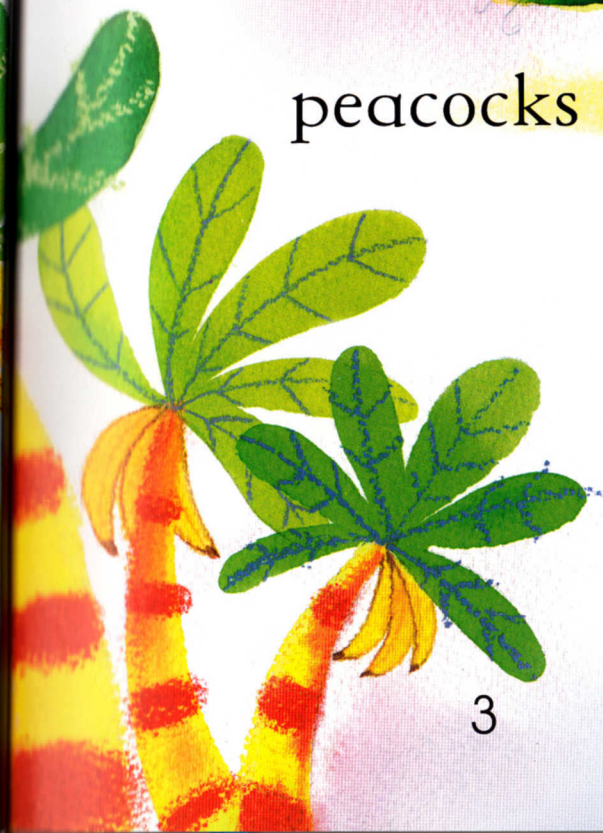
houses,



peacocks



and
banana
trees.



Once upon a time,
elephants could fly.



They flew everywhere.

They flew high
into the sky...



and down to the ground.



They even
looped
the loop.



Sometimes, the gods
flew on their backs.



But the elephants
were noisy.



They yelled, and
crowed like roosters.

Trees and houses
shook below them.

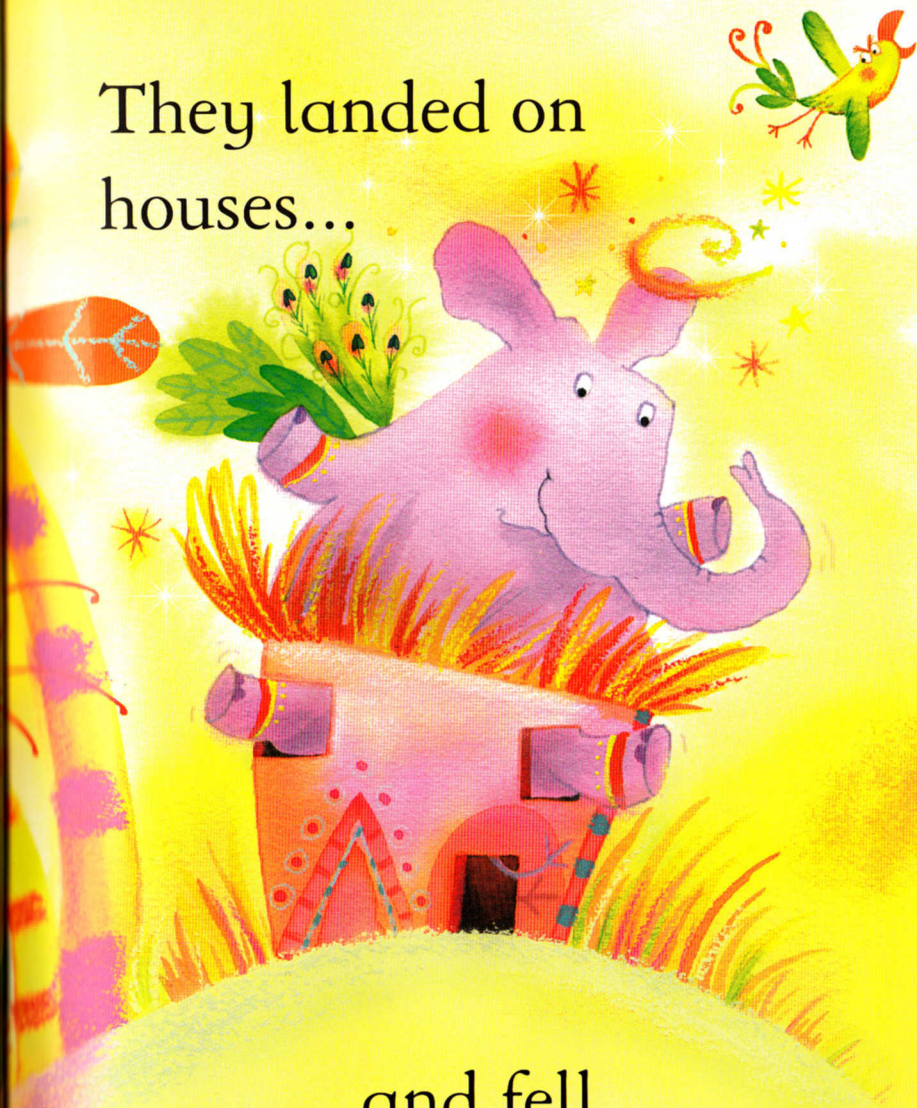
Cock-a-
doodle-
do!



They flew into trees
and smashed them.



They landed on
houses...



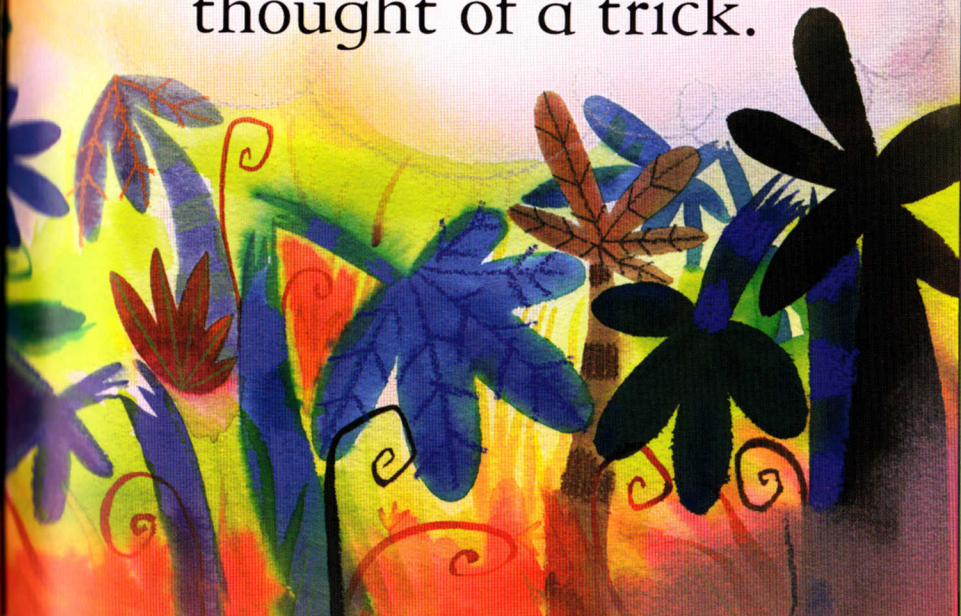
and fell
right through.



Soon all the trees were
broken and there were
no houses left.

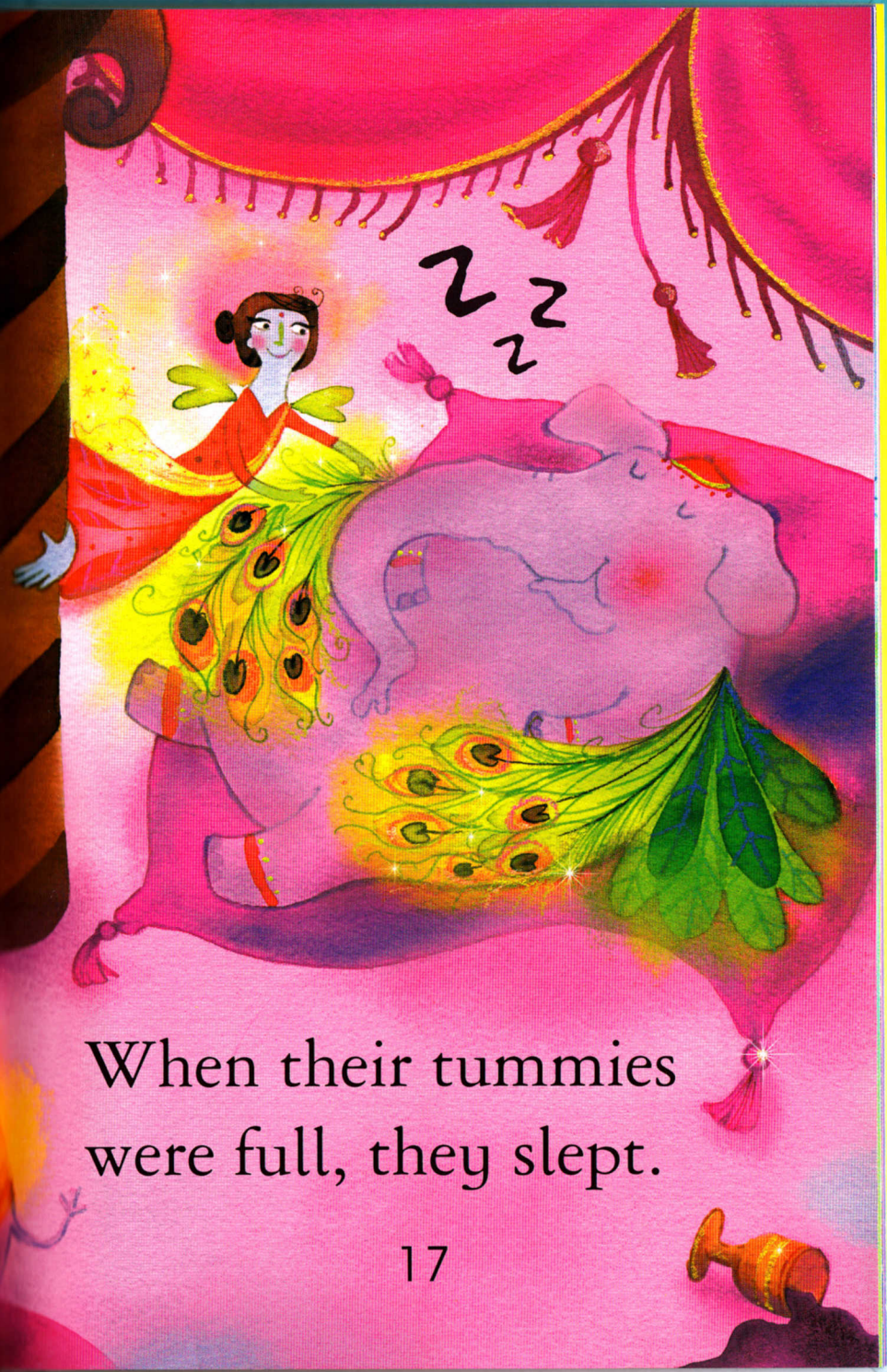
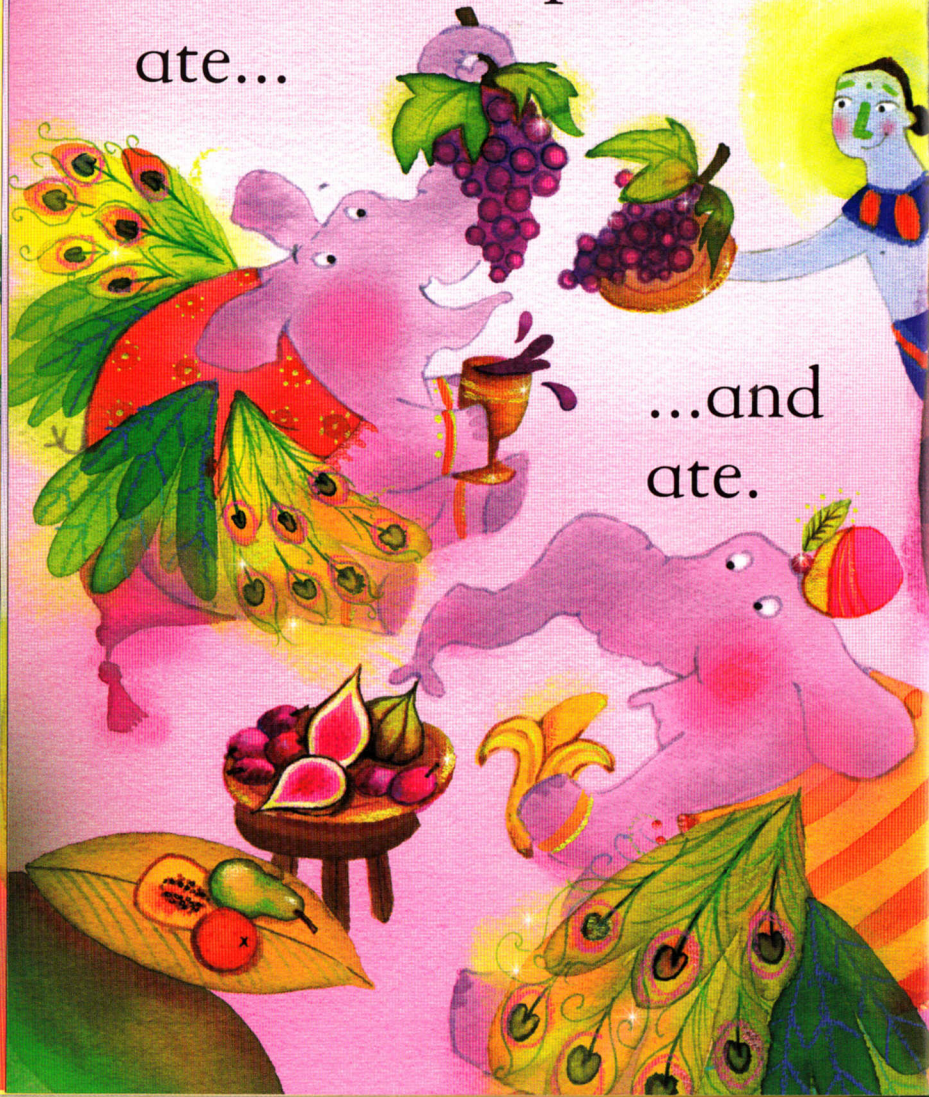


“We must stop them,”
said the gods, and they
thought of a trick.

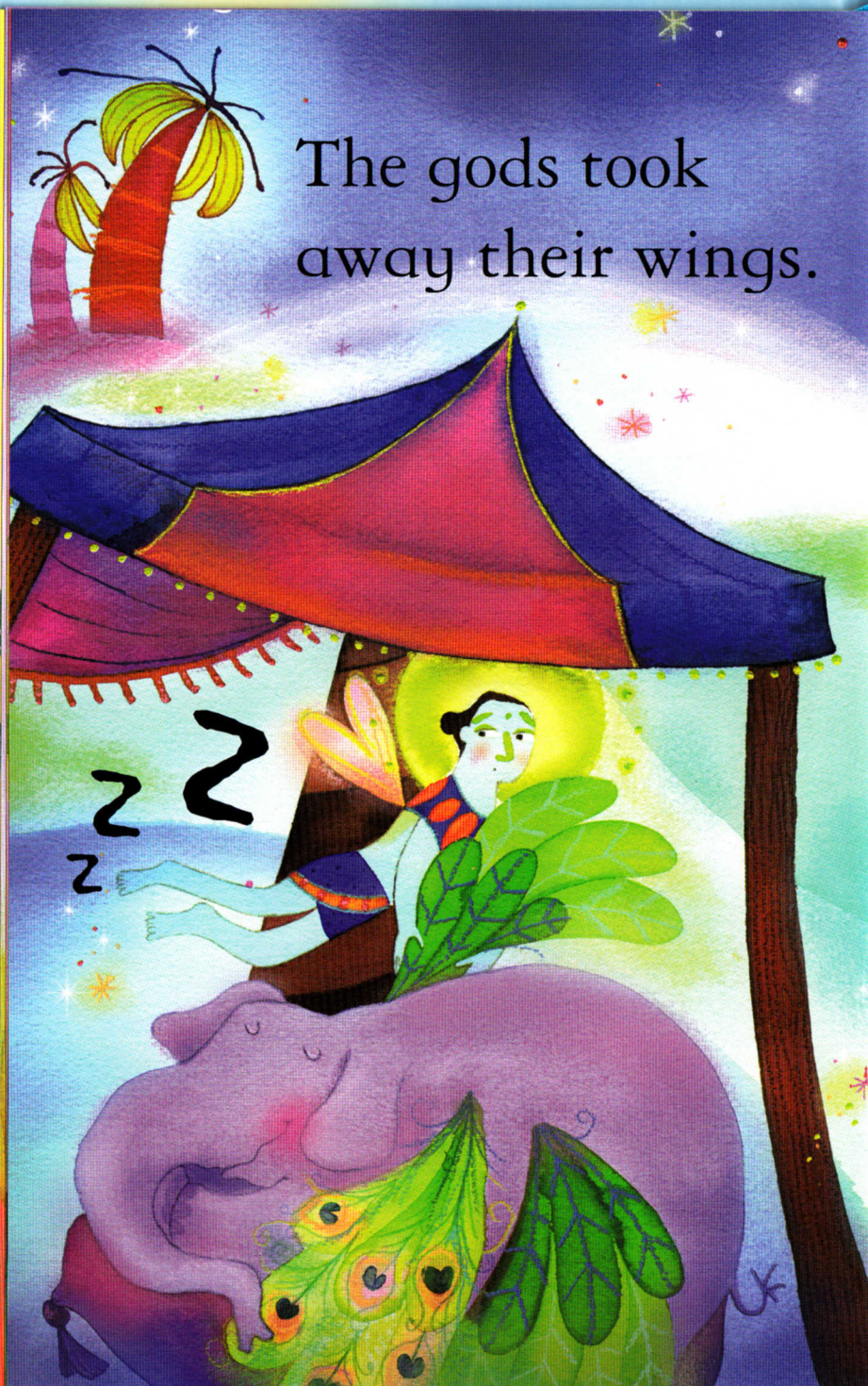


They invited the
elephants to a grand
feast. The elephants
ate...

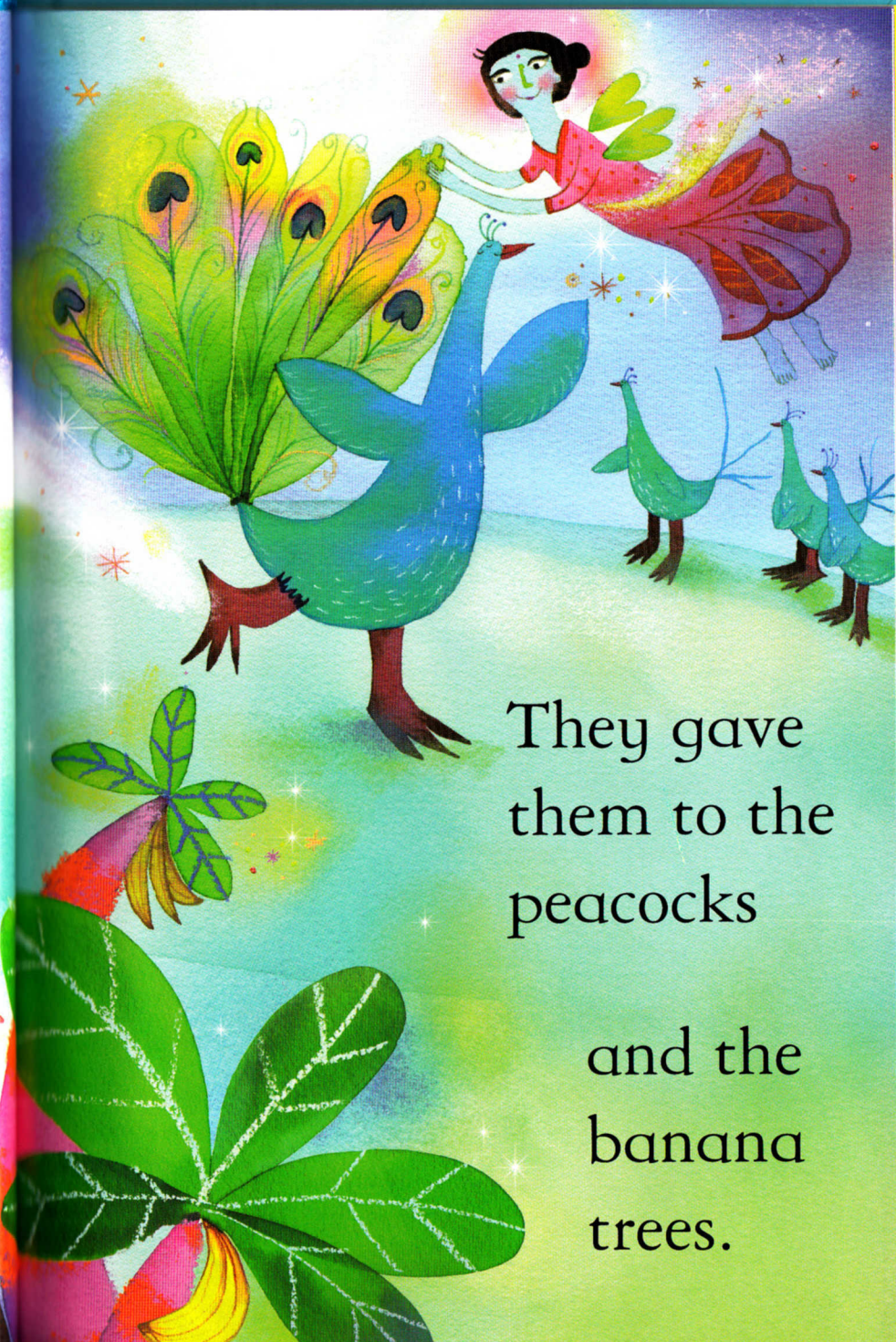
...and
ate.




When their tummies
were full, they slept.

An illustration of a god with a white face, wearing a blue and red striped garment, sleeping on a large purple elephant. The god is holding a large green leaf. Above them is a red and blue tent. In the background, there are stylized banana trees with red trunks and yellow leaves. The sky is dark purple with small white stars. The text "The gods took away their wings." is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

The gods took
away their wings.

An illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a red dress, standing on a green hill. She is holding a large, colorful peacock feather. A large blue peacock is standing next to her, and two smaller green peacocks are in the background. The sky is light blue with small white stars. The text "They gave them to the peacocks" is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

They gave
them to the
peacocks

An illustration of a banana tree with large green leaves and a bunch of yellow bananas hanging from it. The background is a light green gradient with small white stars. The text "and the banana trees." is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

and the
banana
trees.

The elephants
were very cross.



They shouted
and they stomped.





But they didn't get
their wings back



and they never
flew again.

Puzzles

Puzzle 1



Find these things
in the picture:

elephant
trunk
houses
hill
tree
wings



* Puzzle 2

* Can you spot the differences
* between these two pictures?

* There are six to find.



Puzzle 3

Put the pictures in order.

A



B



C



D



E



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What happened next?

Puzzle 4

A



or

B?



Puzzle 5



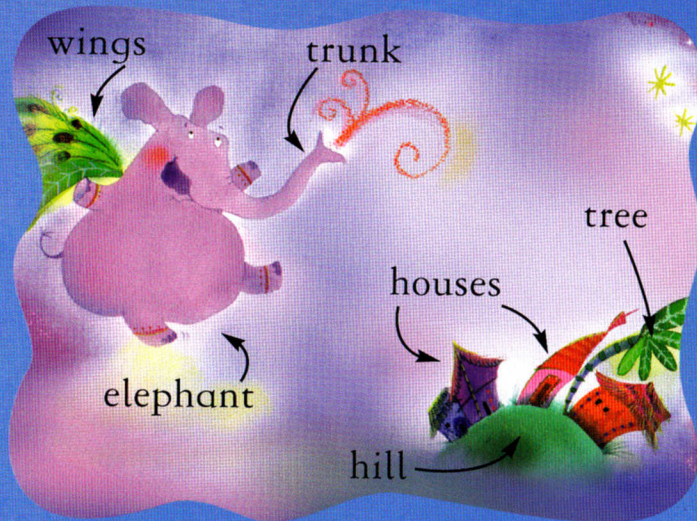
A or B?



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Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2

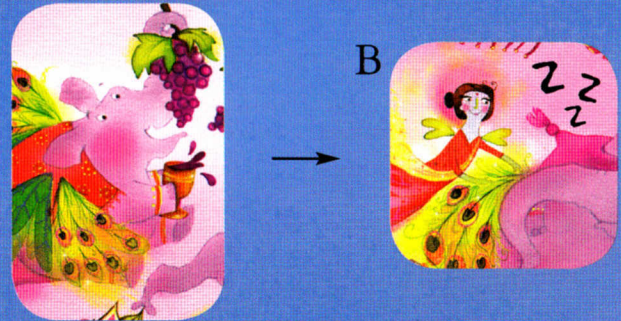


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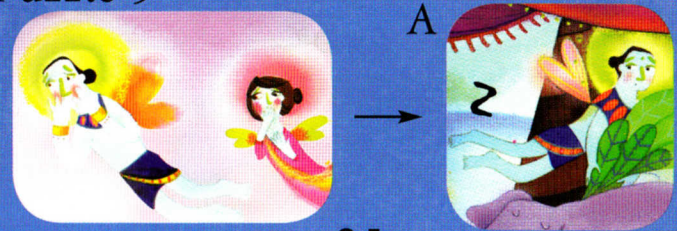
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Puzzle 4



Puzzle 5



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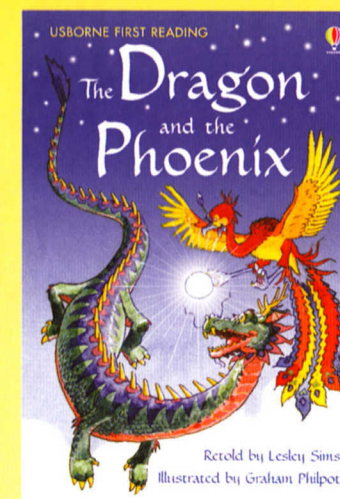
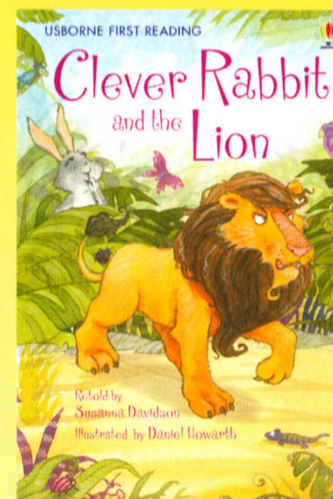
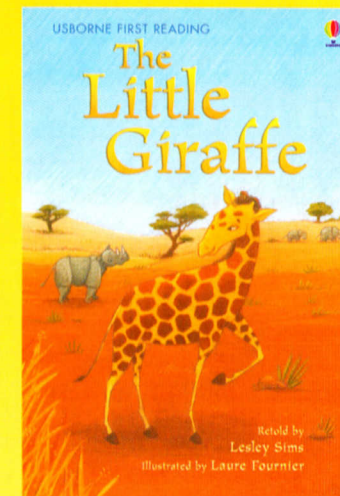
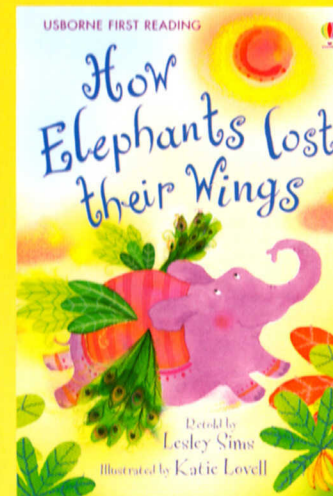
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